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Our Case No. 9683/232

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In re Application of: Hideaki NISHIO et al.)

Serial No.: 10/527,307)

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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING USE
OF STORAGE AREA BY
APPLICATION)

Examiner: SIKRI, Anish

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this communication.